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ACTION OC-06

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R 021100Z AUG 74
FM AMCONSUL LUANDA
TO AMEMBASSY NAIROBI
INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 2844
AMEMBASSY ACCRA
AMEMBASSY PRETORIA
AMEMBASSY KINSHASA
AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE

C O N F I D E N T I A L LUANDA 0663

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ACOM ASEC
SUBJECT: LUANDA E&E HF RADIO CAPABILITY

NAIROBI FOR ACCRA AND RCO; PRETORIA FOR CEO AND RSO; KINSHASA
AND LIBREVILLE FOR CRO'S; DEPT FOR OC

REF: PRETORIA 3225 (NOTAL)

1. DURING THE JULY 15-18 CIVIL DISORDERS IN LUANDA, POST
EXPERIENCED INADEQUATE E&E RADIO COMMUNICATIONS. FOR THE MAJORITY
OF THIS PERIOD POST HAD NO RPT NO RADIO CONTACT WITH THE
OTHER TWO POSTS ON FOXTROT NET. SCHEDULE TEST JULY 15
WAS NEGATIVE. POST THEN REQUESTED KINSHASA AND LIBREVILLE
TO COME UP ON NORMAL FREQ 11.425 MHZ AND MAKE CONTACT AND
MONITOR. RADIO CONTACT WAS MADE WITH KINSHASA MORNING OF JULY 17.
DURING THIS PERIOD NO CONTACT WAS MADE AT ALL WITH LIBREVILLE
ALTHOUGH HE WAS MONITORING FREQUENCY. AS MAY BE NOTED ON
PREVIOUS TEST REPORTS, RADIO COMMUNICATIONS WITH FOXTROT
STATIONS DURING SCHEDULED TESTS IS SPORADIC AT BEST.

2. POST FEELS THAT RADIO PROBLEMS LIE WITH EXISTING ANTENNA
INSTALLATION. AS RELOCATING ANTENNA TO ROOF AS REQUESTED IN
REFTEL IS NOT FEASIBLE, POST WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE AN ALTERNATE
MEANS OF INSURING E&E COMMUNICATIONS.
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A. INSTALLATION OF SECOND ANTENNA: AN ANTENNA CUT FOR FREQUENCY
11.425 MHZ BE PROVIDED POST, WHO WILL INSTALL IT ON ROOF
OF THE ECON/POL OFFICER RESIDENCE. RESIDENCE IS LOCATED IN
RESIDENCIAL AREA HOUSING 3 OF CONGEN PERSONNEL. HOUSE IS FOUR
STORIES, WITH A FLAT ROOF AND OPEN VIEW FACING ALL DIRECTIONS
(ELEVATION APPROX EQUAL TO THAT OF CONGEN BLDG ROOF). POST
HAS OPERATIONAL ONE COLLINS 32MS-1B, AND KWM-2 WITH 30L-1
WHICH IS MAINTAINED IN C&R OFFICE. ONLY DURING EMERGENCY SITUATIONS,
POST WILL RELOCATE ONE OF THE UNITS TO THE ECON/POL RESIDENCE
AND ATTEMPT MAINTAIN RADIO CONTACT WITH FOXTROT NET STATIONS.
WE FEEL THAT THIS WOULD GIVE US A MORE FLEXIBLE MEANS OF E&E
COMMUNICATIONS.

B. THAT POST BE FURNISHED THE PROPER CRYSTAL FOR 11.385 MHZ TO
ALLOW IT TO ATTEMPT RADIO CONTACT WITH AMEMBASSY PRETORIA IF
THE NEED ARISES. POST UNDERSTANDS THAT EMBASSY PRETORIA MONITORS
THIS FREQUENCY ON A 24-HOUR BASIS. THIS FREQUENCY WILL BE
MAINTAINED FOR BACK-UP AND EMERGENCY PURPOSES ONLY.

3. FOR RCO: REQUEST YOUR COMMENTS AND VIEWS ON POST'S
PROPOSAL. THIS MATTER RECENTLY DISCUSSED DURING VISITS WITH CEO
CAMUTI AND RSO SPAULDING WHO CONCUR WITH POST'S REQUEST.
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